

Maryland ranks among Top 10 Energy Efficient states, the largest solar array in Maryland breaks ground, this year's Clean Energy Summit begins, new MEA programs go online, and more...

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October is Energy Awareness Month and it has been a busy one for MEA!

- Maryland was recognized as a [Top 10 State for Energy Efficiency by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy](#). Through investments in energy efficiency, Marylanders have already saved over 900,000 MWh of electricity and over \$117 million since 2009.
- MEA's Generating Clean Horizons program broke ground on the [state's largest solar array](#) at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg. The project will annually produce 22 thousand megawatt hours of electricity, enough to provide energy for an estimated 1,800 homes.
- [Governor Martin O'Malley delivered the keynote](#) at the American Wind Energy Association's Offshore Wind Conference in Baltimore on October 11. Governor O'Malley challenged political and industry leaders to support offshore wind development and to realize the job creation potential of this renewable energy source.
- On the same day in Baltimore, Governor O'Malley also announced two new clean transportation programs at the Hybrid Truck Users Forum: [The Idle Reduction Grant Program and the Electric Truck Grant Program](#). These two programs will provide partial financial assistance to cover the costs associated with all-electric trucks and on-board idle reduction technologies.



The Maryland Clean Energy Summit begins today, Thursday, Oct. 27, and runs through Saturday, Oct. 29. The Summit, held at the Hilton Inner Harbor in Baltimore, features speaker panels, a trade show, and more.

- MEA will be hosting a pre-conference session Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. about Energy Efficiency in the Commercial and Industrial Sectors.
- Then on Friday, join MEA Director Malcolm Woolf at the lunch panel, and MEA Energy Efficiency Director Walt Auburn at the industrial efficiency program from

For more details, [please visit the conference website.](#)



Baltimore County Resident Cuts Energy Bills in Half

With the support of MEA grants, a Baltimore County resident has taken two approaches to harnessing the power of the sun. In addition to a solar hot water system, Mr. J.F. Mergen has installed a 2.93 kilowatt solar photovoltaic array. Combined with a few energy efficiency upgrades, he's managed to cut his energy bills in half. [Read more...](#)



\$13 Million Available for the EmPower Maryland Green Building Tax Credit

The Green Building Tax Credit Program helps Maryland developers construct and operate buildings that are energy efficient and that may incorporate renewable and energy efficient power generation. For application details and additional information, [visit the Green Building Tax Credit web page.](#)

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